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## **OVERVIEW OF COLLECTION**

**Title:** Spencer Wallace Cone papers

**Date:** 1810-1865

**Extent:** 7 boxes

**Creator:** Cone, Spencer Wallace, 1819-1888

**Language:** English

**Repository:** Zach S. Henderson Library Special Collections, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA. [specolle@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:specolle@georgiasouthern.edu). 912-478-7819. [library.georgiasouthern.edu](http://library.georgiasouthern.edu).

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### Related Collections:

- Revenue digest and custom house guide; containing rules and routine of business in entering and clearing vessels: the manner of passing import, export, and transport entries: the forms of business in different departments of the customs ... an alphabetical tariff ... By Spencer Wallace Cone.
- Wiley Nessmith Civil War letters, 1862-1865 [manuscript].
- Confederate soldier, March 4, 1862- April 9, 1865: Wiley Nessmith, a collection of letter written during the war between the north and the south / transcribed by Sally Ann Akins Deal.
- Keller family Civil War letters, 1862-1869 [manuscripts]
- Sankey T. Johnson Civil War letters and family papers, 1861-1864 [manuscript].
- George W. Scott Civil War correspondence from American wars / edited by Andrew Carroll, exclusively for the veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.
- Georgia Hagin papers, 1860-1940 [manuscript].
- Hagin-Beasley letters, 1854-1895 / [ed. By] Margie H. Barden, Dorothy H. Hope, Margaret H. Prosser.
- Naomi L.D. Cox papers, 1850-1911 (bulk 1859-1869).
- Confederate and miscellaneous records of Porter Wilkins Carswell, Jr. Collection [microform] / Confederate letters written by Pvt. J.D. Carswell; in possession of Porter W. Carswell, Jr.
- The Morgan family Confederate letters / by Edna Morgan; document prepared and arranged by Norman V. Turner.

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### ABOUT THE COLLECTION

**Biographical History:** Spencer Wallace Cone (1819-1888), colonel of the 61st New York Infantry Regiment and author, son of Rev. Spencer Houghton (1785-1855) and Sally (Morrell) Cone. Cone was a New York lawyer and man of letters. His volume of verses, *The Proud Ladye* and other poems (1840) was praised by Poe. His most famous work was *The Fairies in America* (1858). With his brother Edward Winfield Cone (1814-1871), he also wrote a

biography of their father, a famous Baptist clergyman. His daughter, Kate Eliza Cone (1848-1924), was a famous actress under the stage name Kate Claxton.

**Scope and Content:** This collection consists of papers of Spencer Wallace Cone from ca. 1810-1865. The papers include correspondence (1810-1813) from Spencer Houghton Cone in Baltimore, Maryland to Sally Morrell; letters between Houghton and Spencer Wallace Cone in the 1840's; and letters between Spencer Wallace Cone, while serving in the 61st New York Infantry Regiment during the Civil War, to his wife Josie and daughter Maggie. Cone wrote letters mostly from Pennsylvania and Virginia in which he describes the battles of Fair Oaks, the Seven Days' battle, the peninsular campaign, Gettysburg, Spotsylvania Court House, and the Appomattox campaign. The collection also includes sermons by Spencer Houghton Cone and published and unpublished literary manuscripts by Spencer Wallace Cone.

**Acquisitions Info:** The collection was acquired by Dr. Perry Cochran and originally cataloged as part of the Georgia Archives and Manuscripts Automated Access Project: A Special Collections Gateway Program of the University Center in Georgia.

**Access Points:**

United States. Army. New York Infantry Regiment, 61st	American literature
Soldiers -- New York	Authors, American
Authors, American -- New York	Clergy
American literature	Soldiers
Clergy -- New York	Pennsylvania -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
Appomattox Campaign, 1865	Virginia -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
Fair Oaks, Battle of, Va., 1862	Pennsylvania
Gettysburg Campaign, 1863	Virginia
Peninsular Campaign, 1862	1861-1865
Seven Days' Battles, Va., 1862	Sermons
Spotsylvania Court House, Battle of, Va., 1864	Manuscripts
	History

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**CONTAINER LISTING**

**Box 1: Correspondence and Personal Writings 0200105034793**

<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Correspondence 1810-1811; Spencer H. Cone to Sally Morrell	1	1

Correspondence 1812-1814; Spencer H. Cone to Sally Morrell	1	2
Correspondence 1842-1853; Spencer H. Cone to Spencer W. Cone, Spencer W. Cone to Spencer H. Cone, Spencer W. Cone to wife, W.M. Fleming to Spencer W. Cone	1	3
Correspondence 1861; Spencer W. Cone to wife	1	4
Correspondence 1862; Spencer W. Cone to wife and son	1	5
Correspondence 1863; Spencer W. Cone to wife and son, Edward Cone to Spencer W. Cone	1	6
Correspondence 1865-1883; Spencer W. Cone to wife	1	7
Biographical Information; File containing information about the origins of the Cone family, its Coat of Arms, Spencer H. Cone's funeral Sermon, and Xeroxed copy of Spencer H. Cone biography written by his sons	1	8
Legal Documents; include documents detailing the conveyance of one half interest in the New Year Courier, and a petition for a homestead in Bulloch County Georgia, S.W. Cone's license to practice law, a marriage certificate, and various other legal papers	1	9
Sermons; given by Spencer H. Cone 1846-1849	1	10
Poetry; a small book of poetry	1	11
Photographs; images of Georgia State College officials accepting the collection and photos of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Cone	1	12
Notebook, Scanned Copy; scanned copy of a notebook by S.H. Cone	1	13
Military Documents; paperwork pertaining to S.W. Cone's military service during the Civil War	1	14
Not Contained in folders: List of Members of the Olive Street Baptist Church (Aug 1825) -Gospels of Matthew and Mark, edited by S. H. Cone -Mrs. S.W. Cone's account book (1877-1884) -Estate of Spencer H. Cone (1923) -S.H. Cone records, Foreign Mission Society Constitution-envelope containing lace cap inserted into pages -Unlabeled images of man and woman	1	

**Box 2: Literary Works** 0200105034991

<b><u>Items</u></b>	<b><u>Box Number</u></b>	<b><u>Folder Number</u></b>
The Adventurer; play (1839)	2	1
Palomba; or the Carbonari (1852), title page (1858), Palomba: a tragic play in 5 Acts (1878)	2	2
The Boston Merchant; play (1854)	2	3
Lioni; story (1859)	2	4
Jean (1); draft copies of play (1876)	2	5
Jean (2); final version of play	2	6
The Bequest; undated poem	2	7
Camiola; undated play	2	8
Count Caspar; undated poem	2	9
In the Coils; undated play	2	10
Louise in the Snow Flower; undated story	2	11
Michael Sharp; undated story	2	12
Mix and Co. (1); Manuscript version of story	2	13
Mix and Co. (2); printed version of story with manuscript additions and edits	2	14
One Thing I Know; undated poem	2	15
The Seven Kisses of Buckingham; undated play	2	16
A Woman's Wit; undated play	2	17
Act 3 and 5; contains sections of a play with no title given	2	18
Chapters 9, 14, 28, 29; contain chapters to a novel with no title given and sections missing	2	19
Miscellaneous; contains numerous fragments of unknown works	2	20
Poems and Miscellaneous Writing; scanned copy of a notebook of the same name	2	21

Not contained in folders; Poems and Miscellaneous Writings S. Wallace Stone Poetry and Tragedies (1841/1839) The Political Writings of Spencer W. Cone (1855)	2	
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**Box 3: Published Works** 0200105034199

<u>Title</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
The Austrian Spy; scanned copy of Chapter 1 of a story missing from the box	3	1
Sunday Times Editorial Papers; scanned copy of notebook contained in the box	3	2
Chow-Chow; scanned copy of notebook contained in the box	3	3
Sunday Times Dramatic and Musical; scanned copy of notebook contained in box	3	4
Not contained in folders: Sunday Times Editorial Papers (1859) Chow-Chow (1858) Sunday Times Dramatic and Musical (1859)	3	Loose

**Box 4: Published Works** 0200105034405

<u>Title</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Mason Manner; Scanned copy of a manuscript contained in the box	4	1
Stories; scanned copy of a manuscript contained in the box	4	2
The Growler; scanned copy of a manuscript contained in the box	4	3
Mason Manor Stories by Spencer W. Cone The Growler and Romance of the Drama (1859)	4	Loose

**Box 5: Personal Items** 0200105194241

<u>Title</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Two 12"x16" engravings of S.H. Cone	5	1
Wooden item with metal roll (blue leather in roll) labeled "Angell's Patent File Press" with "S.W. Cone" written at top, in box from Royal Typewriter Company, labeled "Roytype Register Roll"	5	2
Belt, spurs, patch, cords, and other miscellaneous paraphernalia from S.W. Cone's service in the Union Army	5	3

**Box 6: Wooden Container** 0200105194035

Title	Box Number	Folder Number
Originally housed the military paraphernalia in Box 5	6	Loose

**Box 7: Literary Works** 0200105100842

Title	Box Number	Folder Number
The Calico Ball; undated play	7	1
Suzanne; play (1876)	7	2
The Haunted Convent; undated story	7	3
Bittles; undated story	7	4
Stella, the Juggler's Daughter, undated play	7	5
The Gentleman of Nature; undated play with plot summary	7	6